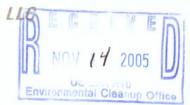
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November 10, 2005

Mr. Neil E. Thompson US EPA Region X 1200 Sixth Avenue – ECL-113 Seattle, WA 98101



Re: October Monthly Report

## Dear Mr. Thompson:

This letter serves as the monthly progress report for October 2005, in accordance with Section X, Paragraph 29 of the RD/RA Consent Decree for the Kerr-McGee Chemical LLC site, in Soda Springs, Idaho. Please note that Kerr-McGee Chemical LLC is now Tronox, Inc. as the result of the corporate name change.

## October Activities

During the month of October, Tronox inspected the calcine cap, landfill, and 10-acre pond. The fenced enclosures surrounding the pond, cap and landfill facilities are in good condition, and the gates are closed and locked. The 10-acre pond has about 5 inches of water as the result of recent rainstorms, overlying about 9 inches of salt.

Inspection of the calcine cap indicates that vegetation is well established with little erosion of the cover material. Shallow animal digging was identified at a limited number of areas on the landfill cover, but the depths are well above the liner and not enough disturbances are noted to warrant repairs at this time. The landfill sump was pumped out to a nearby concrete holding basin in October.

The second round of ground and surface water sampling was completed in late October. This round of samples was shipped to the lab under chain of custody. Laboratory analytical results will become available during November.

## November/December Activities

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During the months of November and December, monitoring of the cap, landfill and 10-acre pond will continue. The landfill will be pumped dry in early November prior to winter snowfall. Regrading construction activities commenced in early November in



areas located to the south and to the west of the calcine cap. The regrading improvements will reduce the amount of snow accumulation and snowmelt south of the cap during the winter and spring months. Drainage improvements will allow meteoric runoff to be directed from the cap perimeter to a location south of the covered scrubber pond and will permit runoff to infiltrate to the bedrock. Construction should be completed in November, weather permitting. A report will be prepared in December that summarizes drainage improvement activities and forwarded to you when completed.

The results from the October ground and surface water sampling will be received and reviewed in November. Once the data have been validated, these data will be appended to the RD/RA database and transmitted to you.

There are no community relation activities planned.

## Problems or Delays

No delays are expected.

If you have any questions about the work or additional information is required with regards to the work described above, please contact me at (208) 547-3331, extension 230.

Sincerely,

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